13 projects win Healthy Tomorrows grants

The Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP), a collaborative grant program of the Academy and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, has approved 13 new community-based projects that began receiving funding on March 1. The programs will receive approximately $50,000 per year for five years.

The HTPCP is part of the community-based component of the AAP Access to Care Initiative launched in 1989 to ensure access to quality health care for all children and pregnant women in the United States. Federal grants awarded through the program support family-centered, community-based health projects that improve the health status of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents by increasing their access to health services. Since 1989, a total of 149 HTPCP grants have been awarded; 85 of the 149 projects have been completed.

To be eligible for funding, projects must represent a new initiative within the community or an innovative component that builds on existing community resources. For more information on HTPCP applications or requirements, contact Jane Bassewitz, AAP Division of Community-Based Initiatives, at (800) 433-9016, ext. 4750, or e-mail healthy@aap.org.

The following new programs were approved for funding:

- **Teen Program at Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care Inc.** in Washington, D.C., will develop a teen pregnancy prevention program targeted to low-income immigrant adolescents in the Washington, D.C., area.
- **Citrus Smiles: Promoting Access to Pediatric Dental Care** in Lacanto, Fla., will establish a fully staffed and equipped dental clinic to provide services to low-income children and their families, as well as a community-based dental education program.
- **Partnership Against Lead (“Project PAL”)** in North Miami, Fla., will create a lead poisoning awareness program, providing screening and education, as well as follow-up services for children at risk, through community partnerships.
- **Advocating Success for Kids (ASK) Project** in Boston focuses on improving school readiness and the emotional well-being of children ages 3 to 9 years at one of six community-based urban primary health care sites.
- **The Prenatal Education and Support (PEAS) Project** in Houghton, Mich., provides prenatal and early childhood support that builds on existing programs by transitioning participants into quality early childhood programs that meet the needs of growing families.
- **Living Healthy — Living Well “Parent Talk” Initiative** in New York City will design a health promotion and public information campaign to address the maternal and child health disparities experienced in the African-American community.
- **The Mount Sinai Child & Family Support Program: Focus on Mental Health** in New York City is a child abuse prevention program that seeks to link detection with access to psychological treatment for both the child and non-offending parent.
- **Oregon Child Care — Health Links** in Portland, Ore., improves health and safety components of child care programs in providing services to children with special health care needs through education and support programs.
- **Success by Six of York County** in Rock Hill, S.C., will establish an affordable, accessible clinic staffed by volunteer pediatricians and nurses to improve access to health care and preventive services to families in western York County.
- **Montwood Wellness Center** in El Paso, Texas, will provide comprehensive health services and a medical home to uninsured children of the Socorro School District through the establishment of a high school-based wellness center.
- **Better Regional Access for Immigrants and Refugees with Developmental Disabilities 2 (BRAIDD-2)** in Seattle will organize bilingual/bicultural support groups for immigrant and refugee parents of children with developmental disabilities, and provide education, advocacy, interpretation and referral services.
- **Child Health Integrated Cultural Outreach Services (CHICOS)** Project in Richmond, Va., will initiate a Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) outreach project to children and families through salary support and training for culturally competent staff at CHIP network sites. The program will provide assistance and follow-up with families.

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